

**Love In Absence.**

Let all the turmoil of the busy day,  
And in the peaceful stillness of the night,  
Thy dear day dream come true; when'er I pray,  
I learn to sit thy loving face so bright.  
In a mist, when'er thou art not here,  
Some in the distance, phantom-like, thy  
face;  
Am in fancy, darling, feel those near—  
Am feel thy power and every soothing grace.  
I ever in my heart an absolute soul  
Yields up its time to Love's untrifling hand,  
For my lone spirit love-born joys abound,  
Unclouded by a shadow is Love's land.  
O pen, not voice, my love can see or tell;  
Love knows how I love! Darling, farewell!

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**Facts and Fancies.**

When is a mother a father? When is a sister.

Stock-raising in Nebraska is greatly the increase.

The Deficiency bill passed both Houses of Congress.

A spoiled child—the one that played with the kerosene can.

A severe gale passed over Kansas, doing considerable damage.

Two children were killed by the fall of building in Cleveland Ohio.

Three boys were killed in Grand Rapids, Mich., by the fall of an embankment.

Over a thousand acres of Monroe county, Iowa, have been sown with flax is Spring.

There is a Western column in so

A student in the first grade is so good at arithmetic that he is known as the late Mr. Tompkins.

Vermont stands first on the list of the states for the completeness and correctness of its census returns.

The average brain-weight for the English is stated to be 47.50 ounces; for the French, 44.88; for the Germans, 42.83.

The census of Great Britain, which is early completed, shows a large increase in the population of all the principal cities.

A young girl in Troy, N. Y., has earned \$2,308 in less than four years with her sewing machine, in stitching 638,653 collars.

Advice to young ladies.—The least conscientious, easiest and safest way of dark-

The latest information from the Darien Annual Expedition is to the effect that more than twenty-three miles of entering will be necessary in getting across the Isthmus.

Benjamin Young has ordered special prayers against the grasshoppers this summer, and the *Desert News* warns the unsophisticated youth of Salt Lake against the miners.

A few iron nails placed in a vase with flowers will keep the water sweet and the flowers fresher. This arises from the sulphur eliminated from the plants, combined with the iron.

The same, with a difference. Lady—

With your pen as was Mary—

The U. S. army has been reduced to  
peuce footing. All supernumerary  
officers have been either retired or  
mustered out, and the number of en-

A clever repartee is attributed to the member from Mornomond in the new Congress. A member asked him how many wicks he had. "Enough to burn a runner after those of them," he promptly replied.

In a cemetery in the little village of Wyocena, in Columbia County, Wisconsin, there is rather a terse epitaph. It is as follows: "Seventeen years a maiden; one year a wife; two months a mother, and that took her life."

There are sixty-four places of public amusement in London, besides the Italian Opera-house, the Crystal Palace and the Remorne Gardens. Of these sixty-four places of amusement, thirty-five have

"That man," said a wag, "came to Mashushua forty years ago, purchased a basketball, and commenced gathering a nest of too much money. He says he is worth a million." "Nothing," he continued, after a pause, "and he owes for the basket."

We hear that it is becoming quite common for gentlemen to wear ladies' "pigeons" on their arms as "*regards à l'amour*." We have read of such manifestations of idiocy in novels, but never expected to meet with them in real life.

A friend relates the following : A mile or two from town he met a child on horseback crying with cold. "Why don't you get down and lead him? That is the way to keep warm." "No" said the child. "It's a b-b-borrowed horse, and I'll

The head of a Vermont railroad shop was applied to for permission to work on Fast Day by a couple of men who were in the shop for the day. Permission was given, "for," says the chief, "you can't either of you work hard enough to break the day."

When we consider the vast number of horses employed by the human family as auxiliaries, and how little mischief they do compared with what they might accomplish if vicious and unruly, our minds are divided between admiration for the creature and gratitude to the Maker.

Some person of a curious turn of mind has calculated that the indemnity which France is to pay to Germany for the favor of being conquered would weigh

In Albany, the other night, the Rev. Mr. Waters while preaching, stopped a few moments and then said: "I am rarely, if ever, annoyed by people afraid of me. I am not to-night; but I am afraid the congregation is." "You could have heard a pin drop" during the balance of the sermon.

"Well Tom," said a blacksmith to his apprentice, "you have been with me some months, and have seen all the different points in our trade. I wish to give you the choice of work for a while." "Thank'ee sir," "Well, now, what part of the business do you like best?" "Shuttin' up shop and goin' to

dinner, sir."



















FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1871.

**The Nation's Debt.**  
We are informed by a correspondent that Geo. S. Merrill, Esq., of Lawrence has accepted the invitation extended him by the committee to secure the services of a Speaker for Memorial Day, May 30th, and will address the people of Weymouth on that occasion. We also place before our readers the following correspondence in relation to the matter.

Boston, May 9th, 1871.  
Major F. A. Bicknell,  
Commander Lincoln Post, No. 40,  
A. R. North Weymouth.

Dear Major:—Your communication informing me that Post 48, G. A. R., had appointed me a committee to secure the services of a speaker for Memorial Day, May 30th, was received some day. I was afraid, it being so near the time, (and knowing that many of those accustomed to speak on such occasions were engaged,) that I should not be successful in engaging one. After extending many invitations to able and eloquent speakers, and receiving replies, regretting that they were not able to accept the invitation on account of previous engagements, I am happy to inform you that I have this day received a line from Major Geo. S. Merrill of Lawrence, accepting the invitation to be with us on Memorial Day, and address the people of Weymouth. Major Merrill was a brave and gallant officer of volunteers during the war, is at present, I think, Commander of Post 30 G. A. R., also Capt. of 4th Lt. Battery, Mass. Vol. Militia; and I am informed that he will not only give us good satisfaction, but will also give us an address that will do credit to his name. I saw Mr. Emerson (who spoke for us two years ago) as you suggested the same day I received your letter, and learned that he was engaged to speak at Marblehead. I would suggest that you write to the Town House of the Old North Church, so that in case it should be too stormy to speak at the monument where the speaking and other exercises usually take place, we can have a place of shelter if we need it. Please inform me as soon as convenient what time you have arranged for the address, so that I can inform the speaker, and oblige yours very truly,

BENJ. F. PRATT.  
Among letters received from those who were obliged to decline our invitation, I enclose one from Hon. Geo. B. Loring of Salem, which you can read at the Old North Church, May 14th, 1871.

SALEM, May 14th, 1871.  
My Dear General:—I have received your invitation to address the people of Weymouth on Memorial Day, May 30th, and am much obliged for the courtesy. It would give me great pleasure to accept it, were I not engaged to speak elsewhere on that occasion. You must therefore excuse me, and accept my warm desires for the welfare and prosperity of the Post which you represent. I assure you I have not forgotten my association with the citizens of Weymouth in their service of commemorating the valor of our soldiers in the last war, and I shall always count it one of the most gratifying events of my life that I was allowed to join them in giving an enduring memorial to those who gave their high and honorable record in the great conflict. For I am sure that while her monuments stand, and the graves of her soldiers are remembered, the valor and devotion of the defenders of the Union, and the sentiments of humanity, and justice, and patriotism, which now irradiate the American Nationality.

Truly yours,  
Geo. B. LORING.  
Hon. B. F. PRATT, Chairman of Com. North Weymouth.

**Front Street Improvement.**  
The jury empanelled on petition of residents on the line of the Front street widening at Weymouth Landing, convened in Lincoln Hall, yesterday, Sheriff Thomas presiding over the Court. The counsel for the petitioners, were E. C. Bumpus and Edward Avery, Esqrs., and B. W. Harris, Esq., for Commissioners. The principal points of argument by petitioners' counsel, were in effect a detriment to premises by removal of trees, cutting off of lawn and shrubbery, which would seriously injure the estates, and that the benefits of widening the highway, while ensuring to the general benefit of all estates, would not specially benefit the estates in dispute. In the argument for Messrs. E. W. and Elias Hunt, several witnesses were produced, who were Mr. Briggs, and Wm. R. Emerson, architects, whose testimony went to establish the point of decided injury to the estates, for the present time, although they conceded the point of general benefit to estates by widening, which point was earnestly pressed by Mr. Harris, as an offset to the special and present injury.

On account of proximity to time of publication we are unable to give an extended report of the trial, this week.

**Income Tax.**  
In answer to inquiry, as to whether persons not having any income tax to pay are required to make returns, we give the opinion of Commissioner Pleasanton, who says: "Persons whose gross income during the year 1870, estimated in United States currency, did not exceed \$2,000, are not required to make income returns, nor need they make any affidavits showing that their gross income did not exceed the sum above named."

**A friend in need.**  
A female teacher belonging to Thayer & Davis, of Weymouth Landing, has voluntarily undertaken the task of bringing up a little porker whose "cruel parent" killed the remainder of her progeny, and the affectionate manner with which the little creature is urged to pull at the canine instead of both amusing and interesting. The devotion of the canine foster-mother to her charge is a rebuke to the mothers of human kind who allow the dictates of fashion and love of pleasure to override the sentiment of maternal affection, and leave their babies to the tender mercies of a wet nurse.

Rev. H. W. Jones, of Hingham, has been called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Swampscott, Mass.—Salary \$1,200 the first year, to be subsequently increased to \$1,500.

**FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.**  
**Letter from John O. Foye.**  
COLOGNE, GERMANY, April 12, 1871.  
Mr. Editor:—Our journey from Rome to Cologne has consumed almost four weeks and this has enabled us to spend a few days in each of the principal cities and large towns along the route of our travels through Italy, Switzerland and Germany, some of the most interesting of which we will try to describe, commencing with Geneva, which is one of the chief ports of Italy, containing a population of about 130,000. It is remarkable for its palaces, and looks like a city of kings, being located directly on the sea-coast. The only harbor which it possesses has been made by building two break waters of heavy stone from the main land, leaving a narrow opening for the sea breeze, the center of this harbor thus enclosed, is now literally filled with vessels. The City is built in the midst of a cluster of hills which rise one above another to the height of some three hundred feet, forming a beautiful panorama from the sea. The buildings being of brick and stone, are very substantial, but not handsome. The streets are very narrow and irregular, winding about among the hills and valleys in the most disorderly manner, and averaging about twelve feet wide. They are well cared for and on pleasant days are crowded with people.

At a Justice Court in Northampton, before Justice Beeler, Mr. Norton Hunt, of Braintree, was claiming against Mr. M. B. Faxon, for obtaining money by false pretenses. After due examination, the evidence not sustaining the complaint, defendant was discharged.

Calhoun Hayden, of Braintree, was complained against for committing an assault on one George W. Jones, a local witness. After due examination, the evidence not sustaining the complaint, defendant was discharged.

Wm. R. Emerson, Esq., of East Braintree, has been engaged to deliver an oration in Marblehead, Decoration Day.

At the Annual Meeting of the Union Engine Company, on Monday evening, May 1st, the chief engineer, J. Binney, Esq., presiding at the choice of Foreman, the company organized for the ensuing year by the choice of the following officers: Foreman, B. G. Sullivan; Assistant, M. Cleary; 2d Assistant, C. H. Loring; Steward, E. Whitmarsh; Steersman, Wm. Shea; H. Murphy; Axman, T. Curley; D. F. Cleary; Board of Government, Wm. Shea, T. Curley, F. L. Check, J. F. Moriarty, D. Norton.

T. O. SULLIVAN, Clerk.

Randolph voted not to permit the sale of malt liquors, and instructed the Selectmen to prosecute offenders.

**South Weymouth.**  
Funeral ceremonies were held in the Universalist church, South Weymouth, last Sunday, over the remains of Mr. Stillman Thayer, a member of Co. H, 35th Mass. Regiment, in the war of the Rebellion, and who has been sick, from disease contracted in the service, ever since his return from the field. The members of Post 58, G. A. R., who have been assiduous in their attentions to the brother during his illness, attended the service in a body, and escorted the remains to the grave, where the Chaplain of the Post, Bradford F. Loring, read passages of Scripture and offered prayer, after which a quartette of singers from the Universalist church, furnished a most suitable vocal music. Rev. Mr. Baker delivered an address in the church, in which he eulogized the G. A. R. for their kindly aid to disabled and needy members.

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH, May 8, 1871.**  
Mr. Editor:—Please insert the following in the Gazette, and oblige a young man in quest of a wife.

**Wanted,** a young lady—a wholesome looking girl who lives as Nature designed she should—not one that daubs her skin with paint, or wears some dand person's hair, or trails her dress so full of lace and ribbons, and who, in choosing her attendant, selects the man whose breath is perfumed with rum and tobacco, in preference to a decent, respectable young man—but one who has sense enough to wash her own face and hair, and is competent to boil a tea-kettle of water or make a Johnny-cake.

**EAST WEYMOUTH, April 24th, 1871.**  
The following testimonial was unanimously adopted by the Congregational Church and Society in accepting the resignation of their Pastor, Rev. D. W. Waldron.

We deeply regret that the Providence of God has led our beloved Pastor (Rev. D. W. Waldron) to tender his resignation; but we submit to our loss in the hope that there may be a great gain to the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior. We desire to bear testimony that during five years he has given the most unwearied toil for this Church and Society, and has proved himself a most faithful and successful pastor, and a most devoted and successful minister.

It is our hope that there is much good seed which he has sown that is yet to spring up for other hands to rear, and that both he and ourselves shall one day have an unbroken communion in the presence of our Father, and so we and reaper may rejoice together.

**ROBERT MILLS, Clerk of Church.**  
**PETER W. FRENCH, Clerk of Society.**  
An Ecclesiastical Council, convened last week to act in reference to the resignation of Rev. D. W. Waldron from the pastorate of the Congregational Church and Society, adopted the following: We would express our sympathy with this Church and people, in their loss of a minister, who has been acceptable and successful among them in a pastorate of five years.

We are happy to testify to the earnestness of his preaching, his devotedness to his flock, and his high regard for the people; and that he is highly esteemed among us for his qualities as a friend and Christian brother.

We cordially recommend him, wherever he may go, as a brother, loved, able, earnest and faithful in the work of the Christian ministry, and worthy of Christian fellowship and confidence.

Rev. D. W. Waldron closes his labors at East Weymouth and Lovell's Corner next Sunday.

The Ladies will be interested in reading in what manner Messrs. Ide Carter & Co., of Boston, are prepared to administer to their wants.

Quincy voted to allow the sale of "coccus indicus extracts," at the recent town meeting.

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AT WEYMOUTH, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 29, 1871.

**ASSETS.**  
Loans and Discounts, \$128,273.03  
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation, 128,000.00  
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages, 12,000.00  
Due from Redeeming and, 22,242.35  
Reserve Assets, 5,000.00  
Banking House, 400.00  
Furniture and Fixtures, 400.00  
Current Expenses, 114.91  
Taxes Paid, 208.75  
Cash Items, (including Stamps), 208.75  
Bills of other National Banks, 75.00  
Fractional Currency, (including Nickels), 12,820.00  
Legal Tender Notes, \$322,091.08

**LIABILITIES.**  
Capital Stock paid in, \$120,000.00  
Surplus Fund, 18,800.00  
Discount, 504.00  
Interest, 10.07  
Notes and Loss, 4,000.00  
National Bank Circulation outstanding, 124,724.00  
Dividends unpaid, 37,727.30  
Individual Deposits, 37,727.30

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**  
**Union National Bank of Weymouth,**  
AT WEYMOUTH, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 29, 1871.

**ASSETS.**  
Loans and Discounts, \$115,070.00  
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation, 204,000.00  
Due from Redeeming and, 33,382.49  
Reserve Assets, 4,000.00  
Banking House, 400.00  
Furniture and Fixtures, 400.00  
Current Expenses, 114.91  
Taxes Paid, 208.75  
Cash Items, (including Stamps), 208.75  
Bills of other National Banks, 75.00  
Fractional Currency, (including Nickels), 12,820.00  
Legal Tender Notes, 12,820.00

**LIABILITIES.**  
Capital Stock paid in, \$100,000.00  
Surplus Fund, 27,000.00  
Discount, 504.00  
Interest, 10.07  
Notes and Loss, 4,000.00  
National Bank Circulation outstanding, 250,872.00  
Dividends unpaid, 4,000.00  
Individual Deposits, 50,527.02

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**  
**State of Massachusetts, ss.**  
County of Norfolk, ss.  
I, J. W. LORR, Cashier of the Union National Bank of Weymouth, do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct statement of the condition of said bank at the close of business on the 29th day of April, 1871.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**  
**First National Bank of South Weymouth,**  
AT WEYMOUTH, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 29, 1871.

**ASSETS.**  
Loans and Discounts, \$128,273.03  
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation, 128,000.00  
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages, 12,000.00  
Due from Redeeming and, 22,242.35  
Reserve Assets, 5,000.00  
Banking House, 400.00  
Furniture and Fixtures, 400.00  
Current Expenses, 114.91  
Taxes Paid, 208.75  
Cash Items, (including Stamps), 208.75  
Bills of other National Banks, 75.00  
Fractional Currency, (including Nickels), 12,820.00  
Legal Tender Notes, \$322,091.08

**LIABILITIES.**











**Facts and Fancies.**  
 "A wet May makes plenty of hay."  
 There is said to be nearly 20,000 voters  
 of the war of 1812 still living.  
 Brigham Young has buried twenty-  
 seven mothers-in-law in five years.  
 Noank, Connecticut, boasts of a  
 three-eyed cat, and inquires, "How is  
 that for eye?"

On some of the new palace stock-car lines, it is said that a man goes along to fan the hogs.

An exchange wants to know whether a lover can be called a "suitor," when he **don't** suit her."

The popular fallacy that cats have nine lives may have arisen from the fact that one kind has nine tails.

In late wedding toilets, clematis, white lilies, and lilies of the valley have been used, as well as orange blossoms.

A man in Plainfield, N. H., slaughtered a hog a few days since, which weighed, when dressed, 740 pounds.

Wine drinkers and dealers wonder if 1871 is to be a great grape year. Probably not, since this year is the current

A man who didn't believe in advertising has gone into partnership with the sheriff, and that official now does the advertising.

Anna A. Pomeroy, wife of "Brick Pomeroy," has had a divorce granted her, and \$20,000 alimony, by the Milwaukee Circuit Court.

A fashion paper says long dresses have been discarded from the street. We wish they were, but we fear that writer was indulging in visions as yet unrealized.

The Richmond *Dispatch* gives notice that it will strike from its exchange list all papers which hereafter publish the "Heathen Chinese," and "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Columbus, Ga., gathered on the river bank the other day for the purpose of killing a wild duck. More than two hundred shots were fired at the fowl, and it flew off in disgust.

The wheat-raising belt is said to be shifting to the southward. Texas, it is predicted, will become the empire wheat-raiser. Cattle-raising there is giving

The Commissioner of Pensions is now perfecting his arrangements for settling the new bounty claims of the soldiers of the war of 1812, as provided by the recent act of Congress.

A rich man died recently in Maine, who bequeathed a thousand dollars to one of his grand-daughters if she did not marry within a year. If she does

Of sixty-five pupils in one school in Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, Maine, the past winter, thirty-five were Jordans. It is to be hoped that the teacher did not find "Jordan a hard road to travel."

A gentleman lying in bed one morning was informed that he had better get up quick, breakfast was just coming up.

"Let it come up," he exclaimed defiantly, "it will find me ready to meet it."

Small fancy aprons are worn by young ladies in the morning. They are made with pockets, which prove very convenient receptacles for work, notes, and such like, when their friends call or them.

The vicar of Northfleet, informed his

congregation that as "buttons, bad money, and other things not fit to mention" were put in the offertory bags, the collections would in future be made in open plates.

While the Princess Fredericka was arranging a Christmas tree for some poor children at Vienna, for the Christmas of 1869, a burning green wax taper fell upon her arm, and so poisoned her that she is

A short time ago a very strict young lady in society gave her photograph to a devoted admirer for his locket. Two days afterward her brother found it on the floor of a billiard-room decorated with a pair of mustaches and an immense cigar, artistically done with a pin.

They have a peculiar breach of promise case in the St. Louis courts. Louis-a Bulls has sued a father and son for \$10,000 damages, her ground of action against the son being that he refused to marry her according to promise, and against the father that he had objected to the match.

More men kill themselves than women. Women prefer jumping into the water;

men prefer to blow their brains out. Aged men cut their throats and aged women take to ropes. More single persons commit suicide than married; more divorced persons than widowers. So say the statistics.

The new funeral cortege of London consists of a hearse and mourning carriages painted violet and adorned with the most delicate flowers, attelage dark green.

silver wreaths or timbournes; dark gray horses take the place of the old black chargers, and the mutes—or assistants as they are termed—are dressed in a livery of plain black, relieved with silver buttons, etc.

A lecturer on the "moral sentiments" in Philadelphia remarked that the "dearest ship in the world is friendship," whereupon a young man arose from the

congregation and stated that he knew another—a dearer ship still—and that was courtship. This young man had once been a defendant in a claim for breach of promise of marriage.

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### No Suffrage for Women.

In the English House of Commons, Mr. Jacob Bright, member for Manchester,

ter, moved the second reading of the bill enfranchising women, and made a speech in support of the bill. Mr. Bouvete, member from Kilmarnock, spoke in opposition to the measure. Mr. Gladstone followed in a speech of some length. He was, he said, not prepared to sustain the measure, for he was disinclined to involve a womanhood in the trying scenes and turbulent excitement

of the elections. He preferred the Italian idea of female suffrage, founded on property, but exercised by proxy. He was opposed to the bill in its present shape, but was ready to sustain a careful measure for the same object.

Lord John Manners, member for North Leicestershire, was puzzled to discover the grounds of Mr. Gladstone's opposition, and said that scenes at the elections

were easily avoided by the same means as have already enabled the members of the universities to vote. Mr. Beresford Hope, member for Cambridge University, opposed the extension of suffrage to females as an "outrage on womanhood." Mr. Playfair, member for Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities, spoke in favor of woman suffrage. A vote was then taken, resulting in a

majority of 69 against the bill.















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**JOB PRINTING**

John.

Hair whose silver is dearer to me  
Than all the gold of earth could be ;  
And my eyes of brown  
Look tenderly down  
On John, my John.

The firelight leaps, and laughs and warms —  
Wraps us both in its ruddy arms —  
John, as he sits in the hearth-glow red.

Me with my hands on his dear old head—  
Encircling us both  
Like a ring of troth,  
Me and my John.

His form has lost its early grace,  
Wrinkles rest on his kindly face ;  
His brow no longer is smooth and fair,  
For time has left its autograph there :

But a noble prize,  
In my loving eyes,  
Is John, my John.

"My love," he says, and lifts his hands,  
Browned by the sun of other lands,  
In tender clasp on mine to lay ;  
"How long ago was our wedding-day ?"  
I smile through my tears.

And say "Years and years,  
My John, dear John."  
We say no more, the firelight glows ;  
Both of us muse, on what—who knows ?  
My hands drop down in mute care—  
Each throb of my heart is a wish to bless  
With a wife's best worth  
The heart and the hearth

**Facts and Fancies.**

There are now 29,000 post-offices in the United States.

The census of Barbadoes shows a pop-

Query—Can a druggist be considered the chief pillar of the State?

Different shades of green are becoming fashionable for street costumes.

It is hard to respect old age when one

It is said that frozen potatoes can be cured by soaking in water three days before cooking.

Black grenadines make the prettiest, most stylish, and most serviceable Summer dress. Pongees are next in favor. Satin pipings are no longer used by fashionable *modists*. Gros grain or the dress material makes the pipings now

Slate colored pants for gentlemen, and silk dresses for the ladies, are all the fashion now on Sundays and dress occasions.

If you wish to know how many friends we have, get into office ; if you wish to

New York city, says one of its papers, has lately put Texas "to the blush" by the number and ferocity of its many murders, stabbing and other deadly crimes.

A Western paper says California strawberries are so large it is not uncommon for an ordinary family to subsist on one for a week, though there are smaller varieties.

Tree planting in Nebraska is a regular department of agricultural settlement.

A man committed suicide by hanging at St. Louis the other day, having arranged the noose so that it would do its work while he was under the influence of

A LITTLE child in New Orleans, sent by its mother to get whiskey, fell down and broke the vessel containing it. For this accident the inhuman parent beat the child to death.

Some "new beginners" are practising on such specimens as these; "How much does a fool weigh generally? A simple one. In what color should a secret be kept? In violet."

The Maine *Farmer* predicts a wet summer because the winter has been charac-

The following announcement lately appeared in a paper: "Edward Eden, painter, is requested to communicate with his brother when he will hear some-

The last report of the United States Agricultural Bureau threatens us with a good famine, such vast forests having been recently cleared away, and exhorts people in every section to plant trees as

A Bostonian who did Mount Washington on foot last year has informed the *transcript* that he got as ravenous as a raven among the ravines, and sat down at one of the gorgeous gorges and gorged himself.

A Chicago paper thus notices one of its contemporaries, who occasionally breaks out with boastful reference to its enormous circulation: "Yes it has doubled its circulation. Another man makes a copy now."

A Sacramento paper reports that recently six Chinamen were seen in a hair dresser's, negotiating the sale of their tails," which are finally purchased at the rate of \$3 each, to be manufactured into ladies "switches."

Lady of the House:—"O, Signor

ernolski, I am so glad you've come!—  
e're all so dreadfully dull! Now do sit  
own and play us that lovely Sonata of  
ours. They'll never begin to talk until  
they hear the piano going!"

The practice of charring timber that  
to be used for naval purposes, so as

to preserve it against rot, finds much favor in some of the European dockyards, notwithstanding the greater efficacy claimed for other methods.

The Queen of Prussia lately found appropriated by one of her grandchildren, for his collection of toys, a lot of

valuable jewelry which she had missed last year, and whose disappearance was thought to be instrumental in causing the suicide of the master of ceremonies in Berlin some time ago.

brakeman who demanded his ticket after actually receiving it, getting no answer from the company upon making complaint of the outrage, brought a suit for damages, and after a fair trial, secured a verdict for some five thousand dollars.

Here is evidence that wives in 1795 are no better than those of the present day. It is an extract from the will of a sailor of Bristol: "My executors to pay, out of the first moneys collected, to my beloved wife, if living, one shilling, which I give as a token of my love, that

she may buy hazelnuts, as I know she is better pleased with cracking them than she is with mending the holes in her stockings."

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